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## II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested. Claims 15, 16, and 17-22 are pending.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

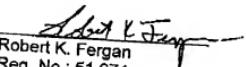
The Examiner indicated claims 16 and 19-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 16 has been represented as an independent claim and claims 19 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form as claims 21 and 22, respectively.

*Conclusion*

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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